the Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 98/2002-Aruna Roy and others *versus* Union of India and others. The observations of the Hon'ble Court in this regard need further study before taking a final view in the matter.

Mid-day Meal Scheme

2453. SHRI C.r . POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 394 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 2002 and state the details regarding the number of students benefited by the Midday Meal Scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): As per the enrolment data furnished by the States/UTs, the details of children targeted for coverage under Mid-day Meal Scheme during 2002-03 is annexed as Statement.

Statement

State/UT-wise number of children targeted for coverage under Mid-day Meal Scheme during 2002-03

(Figures in numbers)

SI.No. States/UTs	No. of Children targeted for coverage during 2002-03
1. Andhra Pradesh	7,456,254
2. Arunachal Pradesh	166,637
3. Assam	3,057,221
4. Bihar	8,095,780
5. Chhattisgarh	2,889,116
6. Goa	68,878
7. Gujarat	3,259,341
8. Haryana	1,538,006
9. Himachal Pradesh	639,974
10. Jammu & Kashmir	821,890
11. Jharkhand	2,254,066

SI. No. States/UTs	No. of Children targeted for coverage during 2002-03
12. Karnataka	5,621,960
13. Kerala	2,355,686
14. Madhya Pradesh	7,529,983
15. Maharashtra	9,930,938
16. Manipur	287,506
17. Meghalaya	434,702
18. Mizoram	93,608
19. Nagaland	159,664
20. Orissa	4,621,934
21. Punjab	1,620,811
22. Rajasthan	7,100,187
23. Sikkim	77,033
24. Tamil Nadu	5,401,644
25. Tripura	459,981
26. Uttar Pradesh	14,855,697
27. Uttaranchal	821,507
28. West Bengal	9,764,181
29. A&N Islands	35,886
30. Chandigarh	41,720
31. D.N. Haveli	26,004
32. Daman & Diu	15,214
33. Delhi	1,010,919
34. Lakshadweep®	
35. Pondicherry	62,349
INDIA	102,576,277

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NOTE: Figures as communicated by States/UTs.